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## Jobs plan falls short

NDP BUDGET

### Grants for employers of up to \$5K for new hires



The NDP's job program announced Tuesday will either create far fewer than the 27,000 jobs each year the government hopes for or will instead subsidize low-paying positions.

The program, announced in the budget, pledges to grant employers up to \$5,000 — to cover up to 10 per cent of the earnings of a new hire.

But the \$89 million the NDP budgeted for the program in each of the next two years means if it meets its 27,000-jobs target each year, the average grant can only be about \$3,300 — for jobs pay-

ing around \$33,000 a year.

For comparison, a full-time job at the NDP's proposed \$15 per hour minimum wage would pay about \$31,000 per year.

Minister of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour Lori Sigurdson said the job-creation number is a high-end possibility and not a hard target.

"We're saying it could be up to 27,000 jobs. It doesn't necessarily mean it will be. It is really up to what business decides," Sigurdson said. "We're not the creators of the jobs. We're creating an environment where business can create those jobs."

Wildrose jobs critic Grant Hunter said it appears the NDP created the job numbers to match campaign promises.

"I don't know if it was really an empirical, peer-reviewed approach," he said.

Hunter also said he worries some employers may lay employees off and re-hire them, to take advantage of the grant.

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# Province pushes need for hospital planning work

## HEALTH

### Misericordia, Royal Alex will wait years for upgrades



**Ryan Tumilty**  
Metro | Edmonton

NDP cabinet ministers continued to defend their decision Wednesday to fund only \$10 million for planning work at the Royal Alexandra and Misericordia hospitals and not devote any money for construction.

With the funding currently in the budget, released Tuesday, it could be 2018 before the province replaces either Edmonton facility.

Health Minister Sarah Hoffman said the planning dollars are necessary to give an accurate picture of the budgets and schedules for each facility.

"We're planning to make sure that, when we give a timeline and a budget, it's realistic and Albertans can actually count on that," she said.

During a press conference Wednesday, held to tout previously announced projects at the Stollery Children's Hospital, Hoffman briefly suggested a plan for the facilities could come faster, but also conceded the planning work would take time.



A hallway within the ailing Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

"We think it will take two years to do the planning work properly."

Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation president Andrew Otway said he understands the government's need to study the issue further, but he is unsure about a potential two-year delay.

"They are giant projects to move forward and I appreciate the minister of health and the minister of infrastructure wanting to be certain."

AHS released estimates earlier this month for a 16-year, \$4.5-billion rebuild of the Royal Alexandra. Otway said he could

understand the government wanting more info on some of the projects, but some of the work is shovel-ready.

"Those first phases at the Alex site would be fairly ready to go and get shovels in the ground."

The NDP campaigned on replacing the Misericordia and even

sponsored an online petition at [newmisnow.ca](http://newmisnow.ca). Infrastructure Minister Brian Mason said the government still believes a new facility is needed, but that doesn't mean it should be rushed.

"It is very clear that southwest Edmonton needs a hospital that is not crumbling," he said. "We're going to take the time and spend the money to do it right."

The previous Progressive Conservative government had allocated \$926 million split between the Calgary Cancer Centre and the Royal Alexandra, but all of that money is now going to the Calgary facility.

The Misericordia is overseen by Covenant Health and the group's CEO, Patrick Dumile, said he understands the government's need to go slow.

"We're talking about not only replacing failing infrastructure, but expanding for the needs of our community," he said.

He said replacing the hospital is a major decision.

"We're talking about a major investment that is going to serve the community for 30-plus years. I think this gives us the time to get it right."

PC MLA Manmeet Bhullar said the government could put dollars into later years to show they are serious about the project, but is choosing not to do that.

"These were nothing more than campaign promises and to the people of Edmonton that is unfortunate."

## FUNDING

### Cancer centre on track



**Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro | Calgary

Cancer patient Rebecca Morlidge was thrilled to see the government's commitment to building the Calgary Cancer Centre facility on the northeast side of the Foothills Medical Centre.

The day after rolling out a deficit-laden budget that also saw the proposed cancer centre delayed by up to four years, Premier Rachel Notley began her budget sales tour with the announcement on the \$830 million for the long-delayed health project.

The new facility will be located on Lot 7 at the Foothills, she said. Construction will begin in 2017 and the centre will open by 2024.

It will replace the Tom Baker Cancer Centre to provide more beds and services, she added.

Morlidge — whose breast cancer has spread to her spine and liver — said she frequents several facilities each year for treatment.

"So being able to go to one comprehensive centre that's state of the art and close to the University of Calgary is amazing," she said.

In July, Health Minister Sarah Hoffman said she hoped to have the cancer centre open by 2020.

However, that target was set by the former Progressive Conservative government in 2012, Notley said, adding the 2024 deadline is a "cautious" date that the government will maintain.



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## IN BRIEF

**Man facing charges after cyclist, 81, struck**

Police have laid charges after an elderly man was seriously injured in a hit-and-run collision in southeast Edmonton earlier this month.

The incident happened Oct. 1 in a grocery store parking lot at 38th Avenue and 34th Street.

The 81-year-old man was riding his bicycle through the parking lot when a five-ton truck hit him as it was reversing.

The driver allegedly fled.

George Moostoos, 55, has been charged.

ANDREA ROSS/METRO

**Tips help police make arrest in LRT sex assault**

Edmonton police say "numerous" tips from the public resulted in a man being charged with sexually assaulting a woman on the LRT last month.

The incident happened on the LRT just after midnight on Sept. 29. A man, who appeared to be intoxicated, boarded the train at Churchill Station and made repeated attempts to sit with a woman riding the LRT.

The woman was allegedly sexually assaulted when she tried to leave.

A man was arrested after the Edmonton Police Service released a photo of the suspect on the LRT.

Scott Gordon Kennedy, 26, has been charged with sexual assault and will appear in court on Nov. 27.

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**Buckled girders delayed the 102nd Avenue bridge for three months earlier this year, and now there's not enough time to pour the bridge deck before winter.** KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

# Winter stalls bridge

## ROADWORKS

## Contractor paying city \$11,500 daily for the delay



**Braeden Jones**  
Metro | Edmonton

Despite exploring ideas to accelerate the long-delayed project, with winter coming, officials say crews can't pour the

102 Avenue Bridge's deck until next spring.

Road design and construction manager Barry Belcourt said a three-month delay created by buckled girders earlier this year stalled construction on the \$32.5 million project long enough to push the deck work so late that the weather is now a factor.

Pouring the deck now, he said, isn't possible, as the concrete requires a minimum temperature of five degrees Celsius for three consecutive weeks.

"We looked at putting a cover structure (to continue work-

ing), but it's over a live road," he said, adding that strong wind in the valley could topple a temporary shelter onto Groat Road. "We could have a disaster," he said.

So instead, the city waits for the vital connection that was due open Oct. 2, with the opening date now pushed back nearly a full year to September 2016.

Meanwhile, the city's contractor will keep paying \$11,500 daily as a penalty — money that goes back into rerouting traffic and transit caused by the bridge's absence.

"We are happy with the penalty we put in on this," Belcourt said. "It was more aggressive because we took the actual bridge out of service."

The money helps cover the city's costs, but businesses affected by the loss of traffic on 102 Avenue reap no benefits.

Belcourt said he will devise a plan and work with the 19 businesses most affected to "get cars in and out" of the area.

"We only wanted to affect one Christmas season," he said. "We need to get messaging out there (that) these businesses are open."

## BUDGET

## Students given 'a break'



**Andrea Ross**  
Metro | Edmonton

The NDP government's commitment to post-secondary institutions is a breath of fresh air for students accustomed to years of cuts under the former Progressive Conservative government.

Alberta's 250,000 students enrolled in higher education will benefit from \$5.7 billion in funding announced in Tuesday's budget, including a two-year tuition freeze, \$228 million for Student Aid programs and an additional \$183 million available in student loans.

In total, Alberta's universities, colleges and technical schools will receive \$280 million more than last year.

"It feels like we've been given a bit of a break," University of Alberta Students' Union president Navneet Khinda said.

Mental health funding remains a concern, Khinda said. A government grant of \$3 million over three years for mental health services at the university will expire next year.

U of A provost and vice-president academic Steve Dew told reporters Tuesday the money devoted to the post-secondary sector means the university won't have to cut its operating budget.

"We're pleased that there were no unexpected surprises," Dew said.

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# Big beer, bigger markup

## LIQUOR

## New changes will benefit small brewers, province says



**Andrea Ross**  
Metro | Edmonton

Officials with Alberta's liquor industry say craft brewers and distillers will benefit from changes to markups on beer and spirits.

Following liquor-pricing changes announced in the provincial budget Tuesday, Alberta will take a bigger cut from larger breweries while significantly reducing rates for smaller ones.

The markups for producers come alongside price increases for consumers, who will pay five per cent more for liquor as of Wednesday — averaging about two cents more

for a bottle of beer and 18 cents more for a bottle of wine.

Companies brewing up to 10,000 hectolitres will now pay 10 cents per litre. Producers making between 10,000 and 50,000 hectolitres will pay 30 cents per litre, and those producing between 50,000 and 200,000 will pay 55 cents per litre.

Breweries producing more than 200,000 hectolitres are charged \$1.25 per litre.

Breweries that produced less than 20,000 hectolitres previously paid markups of 20 cents per litre.

The province's previous markup policy meant international brewers could take



**It gives them a break at the bottom end.**

Bill Robinson, AGLC president

advantage of these rates while pushing some of the local producers out of the spotlight, said Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission

president and CEO Bill Robinson.

"The old policy had reduced rates available to brewers from



**AGLC president and CEO Bill Robinson said changes to the way the province marks up beer and spirits will benefit smaller brewers.** ANDREA ROSS/METRO EDMONTON

around the world," Robinson said. "This was making the policy ineffective in terms of helping Alberta brewers gain adequate visibility with local consumers."

The markups apply to all brewers in the New West Partnership — those in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. Brewers outside of the

partnership will face a standard markup rate of \$1.25 per litre for beer, effective immediately.

Alberta's alcohol markup rate is based on the type of product and its alcohol content — not manufacturer's costs. The province's privatized liquor model means retailers determine the pricing of their products.

Robinson said the markup policy encourages new startups and growth of existing small breweries, resulting in more variety at the liquor store.

"It gives them a break at the bottom end," he said. "This markup opportunity really allows people who want to get into the business to start up and grow."

## PETITIONS

## Seeking a Harper landfill

An online petition launched this week to rename the Calgary International Airport after Stephen Harper has sparked a number of opposing petitions.

The first was to prevent the renaming of the airport. Now new petitions include naming a wastewater treatment plant or a landfill after the outgoing prime minister.

"I thought it was funny, but in retrospect it's unfair to compare a landfill to the Harper government," said Craig Hopkins, who created the landfill-renaming petition, in an email.

Hopkins said it started as a joke but he was surprised to see the enthusiasm and support it generated.

Curtis Mullen, who started the original petition to rename the airport, told Metro earlier this week he wanted to honour the longest-serving prime minister from Western Canada.

"Canada has a tradition of naming airports after former prime ministers," he said. "We do this to recognize their accomplishments while they were in office." AARON CHATHA/METRO CALGARY

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## SPENDING

# Premier nixes provincial sales tax talk

Premier Rachel Notley is shutting down suggestions her spend-heavy budget may ultimately trigger a sales tax to pay for it all.

Notley told the House during question period Wednesday that no sales tax or harmonized tax will be created on her watch.

"That budget nor any other budget in the term of this government will not and does not include a PST," said Notley.

The Alberta government projects \$34 billion in capital spending over the next five years and \$47 billion in total debt by 2020.

The result is a budget that forecasts multibillion-dollar deficits for the next four years, including \$6.1 billion in the current fiscal year, which ends March 31.

Wildrose Leader Brian Jean told Notley the borrowing could trigger a cut in the prov-

ince's AAA credit rating, leading to higher interest rates and even more red ink.

"This budget has too much debt and no plan to pay it back," Jean told the House. "Why is the premier risking the future well-being of Albertans with this budget?"

Notley noted the government will pass a bill this session to head off downgrades by limiting debt to 15 per cent of the province's nominal gross

domestic product.

She added that the current ratio is about six per cent of GDP.

Notley said her job is to find the best long-term plan and to stick with it rather than simply hacking and slashing when prices tumble in the province's wellspring oil economy.

"This budget is investing in the future well-being of Albertans," said Notley.

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Steve Bradshaw, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

# Safety fuels push for AC

## TRANSPORTATION

## Transit union says city buses need to chill

Braeden Jones  
Metro | Edmonton

The head of Edmonton's transit union doesn't want the city to miss the bus on adding air-conditioning to its fleet.

At least part of the bus fleets in Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Montreal and Halifax have air conditioning, but none of Edmonton's 884 buses do.

"It's not just a comfort issue, it's much more than that," said Steve Bradshaw, president of the transit union. "It's a safety issue."

On Wednesday, Bradshaw told the city's transportation committee six bus drivers had to leave work last summer for heat exhaustion.

"There are probably 60 more experiencing symptoms of a lesser level but were still at risk," he said.

It's a risk Bradshaw said isn't

worth having operators or their passengers face.

"Symptoms include dizziness, fatigue, dehydration and fainting. Do I want my grandchildren on that bus? Maybe not," he said.

At Wednesday's meeting, administration told councillors they would include air conditioning in the desired specification list for the city's purchase of 84 buses between 2017 and 2018, and pilot other measures such as increasing airflow.

Bradshaw said that would be a start, but plans on "continuing the dialogue" to fight for AC to be retrofitted to the existing fleet, starting with the newest buses and working backwards from there.

But the cost per bus, \$43,000, is one issue some councillors are balking at.

Coun. Michael Walters said it's "pretty alarming."

"We agree it's a lot of money," Bradshaw said. "But I told (the city) we will be negotiating on this if it doesn't get going ... We think council can do the right thing and get some retrofitting happening."

### IN BRIEF

#### City's planning manager stepping down

The city's branch manager for current planning, a man highly regarded in the development community as a "fixer," according to Coun. Scott McKeen, has tendered his resignation. The portfolio being vacated by Scott Mackie on Nov. 13 is

responsible for everything from infill enforcement and inspection services, to ride-sharing regulations and development site approvals. McKeen said the next person to take that job needs to have the ability to "get stuff done within the civic bureaucracy."

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# UN talks fuel climate task

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An ice floe floats on a lake in front of Solheimajokull glacier in Iceland earlier this month. Prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau, in attacking climate change, needs to bring policies and people together, as well as have binding cap requirements that make sense with respect to global objectives, according to expert Mark Jaccard. THIBAUT CAMUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



**Michael Woods**  
Metro | Ottawa

A potentially generation-defining international conference in Paris begins less than a month after Justin Trudeau becomes prime minister.

The UN conference on climate change, which begins Nov. 30, will see countries try to negotiate post-2020 targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

However, according to at least one climate policy expert, Trudeau won't actually have to do much there.

"Internationally, he's got it made because he's not Stephen Harper, so he will be loved," said Mark Jaccard, who is also a professor at Simon Fraser University's School of Resource and Environmental Management in Burnaby, B.C. "All he has to do is sound enthusiastic and say we'll do our part."

During the election campaign, Trudeau committed to attending the Paris climate conference and bringing the premiers with him. In his first post-election press conference last week, Trudeau said he had already spoken with a number of premiers about attending the conference, and that "Can-

ada's years of being a less-than-enthusiastic actor on the climate change file are behind us."

The hard work really begins after Paris.

Trudeau also promised to hold a first ministers' meeting within 90 days to create a "pan-Canadian framework" for combatting climate change, including national emissions reduction targets.

Jaccard, who served on the Intergovernmental Panel on

## Trudeau PROMISES TRACKER

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Climate Change and on Canada's National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy, said there's more provincial will to tackle the problem than in the past.

For example, in the era of the Kyoto Accord, then-prime minister Jean Chretien had "an antagonistic government in Alberta, an almost disinterested government in Quebec, and Saskatchewan and B.C. were not that keen," Jaccard said.

Now, Quebec has a cap-and-

trade system. Ontario says it's negotiating its way in to link with Quebec and California. B.C. has a carbon tax, and Alberta has promised more action on greenhouse gases.

"The solution now to bring everybody under the same system is to ensure that it doesn't inadvertently become a tool of redistribution," Jaccard said. "(Trudeau) will have to figure out how to mesh divergent policies, bring laggards into some kind of national system, and then start to have binding cap requirements that make sense in terms of global goals."

The Liberals would give the provinces flexibility to set their

own carbon pricing systems. Louise Comeau, Climate Action Network Canada executive director, is "cautiously optimistic" about Trudeau's approach, but said "there's a lot of detail that needs to be filled in."

"You have to have some flexibility," she said. "But there's a difference between flexibility and loopholes. We're looking really hard here to see, is he serious?"

Trudeau should go to Paris promising to review the previous government's commitment of 30 per cent reductions by 2030, Comeau said, and agree to five-year reviews of any signed agreement.

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**QUEBEC**

## Two decades later, movement still alive

One thing on which sovereigntists and federalists can agree some 20 years after the 1995 referendum is that the Quebec independence movement — in one form or another — will likely never go away.

Prominent sovereigntists say their side — the Yes side — would have won if the federal government had stayed away and not tried to help the No campaign, particularly regarding the controversial Unity Rally in Montreal three days before the Oct. 30, 1995, vote. Federalists, mean-

while, argue the defeat of the Yes side in 1995 — and in the preceding referendum of 1980 — is due to a stubborn-yet-obvious reality: Canada's flexible, federal system works.

"There will continue to be a group of people in Quebec who want to separate and we need to respect that and understand that," said former Quebec premier Jean Charest, who was the leader of the federal Progressive Conservative Party of Canada in 1995.

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**Thousands streamed into Montreal from all over Canada to join Quebecers rallying for national unity on Oct. 27, 1995.**

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# Brazeau discharged

## COURTS

## Senator still facing fraud and breach of trust charges

cision that outlined why he agreed with the joint recommendation of the Crown prosecutor and Brazeau's lawyer, who urged him to grant a discharge.

The victim did not make a statement to the court before the sentencing.

Beaulieu emphasized certain extenuating circumstances, including that Brazeau had lived for several months under the cloud of being accused of sexual assault, and that the victim did not suffer any injuries.

He also noted a Supreme Court judgment that outlined how a person's public position can subject them to additional media scrutiny and public shame.

"Each time any individual — regardless of colour, creed or anything— in this country gets accusations of sexual assault, obviously it's going to taint that person's reputation," Brazeau said.

"Unfortunately, there are situations where people do commit these crimes, but I haven't."

Brazeau still faces a criminal trial for fraud and breach of trust arising from his Senate living expenses, scheduled to take place in March 2016. The trial of Sen. Mike Duffy, which involves similar issues, is set to resume next month.

"I'm certainly not a fraudster, and I'm going to fight to the end to get back my job."

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Sen. Patrick Brazeau said Wednesday he's focused on getting back to the upper chamber "as quickly as possible" after a Quebec judge agreed to grant him an unconditional discharge on assault and drug charges.

"This nightmare, I've been living with this for two-and-a-half years and it's finally over," Brazeau said outside the courtroom in Gatineau, Que., after the decision came down.

Partway through the trial, Brazeau pleaded to reduced charges of assault and possession of cocaine, while the more serious charge of sexual assault was dropped due to a lack of evidence.

Quebec Court Judge Valmont Beaulieu read a lengthy de-

### EXPLANATION

An unconditional discharge means embattled Sen. Patrick Brazeau avoids the prospect of jail time and even a criminal record, despite having pleaded guilty to the charges in September.



**Sen. Patrick Brazeau has been granted an unconditional discharge after pleading guilty to assault and cocaine charges in September.** SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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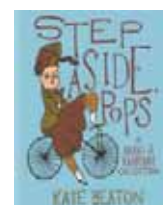


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# Political history is made in Nepal

ASIA

## Parliament elects its first female president

Nepalese lawmakers elected a longtime women's rights campaigner to become the country's first female president Wednesday, as the nation pushes for more gender equality in politics and work life.

Bidhya Devi Bhandari, the 54-year-old deputy leader of Nepal's Communist Party of Nepal Unified Marxist-Leninist, had lobbied actively for the new constitution to require that either the president or vice-president be a woman.

Nepal has been trying to shift from a traditionally male-dominated society, where women are mostly limited to working at homes or on farms, to one in which women have

equal access to opportunities and legal rights.

Lawmakers cheered as Bhandari's name was announced as the new president. An ally and party colleague of Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Oli, Bhandari had been considered the favourite for the largely ceremonial job.

Bhandari said her election — by a vote of 327-214 against Congress party leader Kul Bahadur Gurung — marked a first step toward assuring the new constitutional guarantees of equality are fulfilled. The constitution, adopted last month, also requires that one-third of the country's lawmakers be women, and that women be included in all government committees.

Bhandari replaces President Ram Baran Yadav, who was elected in 2008 for a two-year term that was extended when efforts to draft a new constitution stalled over seven years.

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**Bidhya Devi Bhandari waves after being elected president of Nepal in the country's capital Kathmandu on Wednesday.**

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NIGERIA

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hundreds of Boko Haram captives this year but none of the 219 girls kidnapped from a school in Chibok town.

Their mass abduction in April 2014 sparked international outrage against the extremists and Nigeria's government for failing to rescue them. It highlighted military and government failures in fighting the six-year-old Islamic uprising that has killed an estimated 20,000 people and driven 2.3 million from their homes, according to the UN and Amnesty International.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Ryan to be next speaker, House OKs budget deal

U.S. House Republicans embraced a new leader Wednesday and consented to a major budget-and-debt deal to avert a federal financial crisis. Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan was nominated by his colleagues to serve as speaker of the House. The full House will

confirm that choice on Thursday. The huge two-year budget deal struck recently between President Barack Obama and congressional leaders of both parties would raise the government's borrowing limit through March of 2017, averting an unprecedented default just days away.

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RUSSIA

## Recruited ISIL fighters back at home spark fear of instability

The Russian province of Dagestan, a flashpoint for Islamic violence in the North Caucasus, is feeding hundreds of fighters to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in Syria — and now some are coming back home with experience gained from the battlefield.

The departures mean the region itself has become markedly less violent recently with fewer bombings and shootings.

And the returning fighters have either landed in jail or been kept under close police

surveillance. But there are long-term concerns that the presence of radical Muslims trained in ISIL warfare could lead to greater instability and violence.

"We can't allow them to use the experience they have just gained in Syria back home," Russian President Vladimir Putin said recently.

Eduard Urazayev, a former minister in Dagestan's provincial government, and now a political analyst, said poverty and unemployment in the re-

gion made the ISIL recruiters' job easier. "If the high level of corruption and unfavourable socio-economic situation remain it may further fuel protest sentiments and increase sympathy for (ISIL)."

Officials said they were keeping close watch on those who return. Dagestan authorities have tried to register all followers of Salafism, a radical branch of Sunni Islam, taking their fingerprints and DNA samples.

Sharaputdin Arslanbekov, a

police official in Makhachkala in charge of fighting extremism, said the official number of Dagestan residents who have left for Syria is 419, but reliable intelligence indicates the actual figure is around 700, a significant share of an estimated 2,500 Russian citizens with IS.

Arslanbekov said IS recruiters were working actively in universities and schools, taking advantage of economic and social problems in the region.

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**Russian special force soldiers take part in an anti-terrorist operation in Makhachkala, the regional capital of Dagestan, Russia, in January 2014.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

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# Trials for black kids start early

## UNITED STATES

### Statistics show they are getting suspended at greater rates

Until she attended a five-year-old's birthday party, Tunette Powell was not inclined to blame her problems on the colour of her skin.

Her four-year-old JJ was suspended three times from his Nebraska preschool, twice for throwing chairs and for spitting. She didn't think it was a good idea to suspend tiny kids, but she thought it was normal.

Then, sitting in a living room last March, she got to talking with a group of white moms.

"They were shocked that my kid was being suspended. Even with the reasons," said Powell. "They said, 'Well, my kid hit

someone in the face and that kid had to go to the hospital, and all I got was a phone call.' They kept on telling me all the things their kid was doing. And at some point it was like, 'What else could there be?'"

The U.S. Department of Education released a set of figures that confirmed Powell's suspicions. Black children made up 18 per cent of the country's public preschool students but 42 per cent of the students suspended, 48 per cent of the students suspended more than once.

This week's viral video of a South Carolina police officer violently throwing a black high school student to the ground has reignited discussion of the "school-to-prison pipeline": the zero-tolerance policies, discretionary "defiance" suspensions and cops-in-schools programs and that push kids, especially black kids, into the criminal justice system. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## DESPERATE MEASURES

### MORE MIGRANTS DIE IN TRANSIT

At least 11 people, including many children, died in five separate incidents in the eastern Aegean Sea on Wednesday as thousands continue to travel from Turkey to the Greek islands in frail boats.

The Greek Coast Guard reports that 242 people were rescued near the eastern island of Lesbos after the wooden boat they travelled in capsized, but at least three people died in the sinking.

Rescuers continue to search the rough waters for more survivors, but it's unclear how many people were on the boat when it sank.

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## INFECTIOUS DISEASE

# Oral sex causing genital herpes

Two-thirds of the world's population under 50 (more than 3.7 billion people) have oral herpes, according to the World Health Organization's first-ever global estimate for the prevalence of the virus.

The UN health agency adds that about 140 million people have been infected genitally by the oral herpes virus worldwide.

The findings, published Wednesday in the journal PLOS ONE,

suggest people are getting genital herpes from oral sex.

The traditional belief that herpes type 1 is above the waist and type 2 is below is changing; a 2012 study in the Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases & Medical Microbiology found that 63

per cent of genital herpes cases analyzed were caused by the type 1 virus. Another

2003 study, also in Nova Scotia, found that herpes type 1 was the dominant virus causing genital herpes.

"I think what's really interesting about this is it really reflects behavioural changes," said Dr. Vanessa Allen, chief of medical microbiology with Public Health Ontario.

"As sexual practices change — and part of that is because people are trying to have safer and safer sex — there's some hypothesizing that this may lead to more oral sex."

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mainly targeting mosques and markets in recent months.

Nigerian troops have rescued hundreds of captives this year but none of the 219 girls kidnapped from a school in Chibok town. Their mass abduction in April 2014 sparked international outrage and led Nigerians to vote out President Goodluck Jonathan and elect former military dictator Muhammadu Buhari in March.

Earlier this year, troops from Nigeria and Chad forced Boko Haram out of a swath of north-

eastern Nigeria where Boko Haram, allied with ISIL, declared an Islamic caliphate.

Buhari has promised to halt the uprising by December. Nigeria's homegrown extremist group has responded with a relentless campaign of suicide bombings in northern, northeastern and central Nigeria, as well as in the neighbouring countries of Chad, Cameroon and Niger. The deployment of a multinational force has been delayed without explanation for months.

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## BOMBARDIER

## Rumours spur lift in sagging shares

Hopes for a government bailout prompted a surge in Bombardier shares on Wednesday ahead of what is expected to be gloomy third-quarter results.

The Quebec government declined to confirm published reports suggesting that it will announce Thursday a financial contribution to bolster the embattled transportation giant's strained cash levels.

Several media reports, all citing sources, didn't specify whether the province or Quebec's biggest pension fund manager, the Caisse de depot, would buy Bombardier shares or make some other form of financial contribution.

The Quebec-based company's stock gained strength on the Toronto Stock Exchange as the trading day progressed — closing up 11 per cent in heavy trading — but still worth far less than a year ago.

Government ministers declined to comment on the reports. But Quebec's two main opposition party leaders welcomed an expected government contribution — either through an equity investment or convertible debt. Bombardier employs nearly 18,000 people in the province, contributes to exports and bolsters innovation.

Earlier, analyst Benoit Poirier of Desjardins Capital Markets said he doubts the province will make an equity investment in Bombardier Inc., given the 62 per cent drop in the company's stock price this year.

Poirier says he suspects the province could help Bombardier by investing \$1 billion to \$2 billion in Bombardier Trans-

### LITIGATION

Speculation of a possible joint venture to complete development of the C-Series comes as the Toronto Transit Commission board decided at a meeting Wednesday to sue Bombardier over late delivery of streetcars.

Bombardier spokesman Marc Laforge said the company had expected the lawsuit given the comments from TTC officials.

"Obviously not all the delays in this project have been caused by Bombardier, and we will discuss this with our customer in due time," he said.

portation to avoid a planned IPO to sell a minority stake in the rail division, or by providing favourable financing to customers that buy Bombardier Aerospace C-Series planes.

Quebec, Canada and Britain have previously made large financial contributions to Bombardier to help develop and sell the C-Series, a 110- to 160-seat commercial jet. It's slated to enter into service next year — about two years behind schedule.

Canada committed US\$350 million, Quebec \$117 million and Britain 180 million pounds. The Quebec government also agreed in 2013 to provide \$1 billion in financing help to buyers of the C-Series, joining a similar practice by the federal government.

Bombardier relaunched the C-Series in 2008 after several years of work on the aircraft was paused because it couldn't sign up sufficient orders from airlines and leasing companies. The fuel-efficient plane that is larger than Bombardier's regional jets was designed to compete with the smallest planes produced by Airbus and Boeing.

Bombardier had expected the plane would be popular as a replacement for older aircraft and in growing emerging markets like China. However, amid falling fuel prices it has received just 243 firm orders among 603 commitments. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canine costumes a lucrative business

## DOGS

## Four-legged social-media celebs drive market growth

Wally the Welsh corgi used to get dressed up to go trick-or-treating for Halloween, often as a banana, once as a dinosaur.

But Wally, owned by Marc and Cynthia Dalangin of Wharton, N.J., doesn't go trick-or-treating anymore. Like a lot of busy dogs, he has too many other engage-

ments. And as a budding Instagram celebrity, he needs a wardrobe full of costumes to choose from.

As dogs have filled their social calendars, they've had to fill their closets too. They're not just dressing up once a year on Halloween. These days, dogs and their owners are getting invited to parties, parades, meet-ups, pumpkin patches, picnics, Christmas tree farms and many other themed outings.

As a result, canine costumes have become more than just something dogs wear once to a party. It's essential for dogs and cats who are up-and-coming social media celebrities to have a varied wardrobe. With "likes" and followers growing faster than speeding bullets, their fans want new photos all the time.

Two years ago, Wally left the banana costume behind when he underwent a lifestyle and wardrobe makeover. Now he dresses like Elvis Presley and Michael

Jackson, and has become a rising star on In-

stagram, with 63,000 followers.

Wally's transformation coincides with the pet costume industry's coming of age. And business is booming.

The National Retail Federation estimates that 20 million pet owners will dress their pets this Halloween, spending \$350 million on the costumes.

The online marketplace eBay had 1.5 million pet costumes for sale on Oct. 21 out of 800 million items listed for sale, said Zoher Kapu, vice-president of global optimization and data for eBay.

Pet costumes represent two per cent of Costume SuperCenter's sales. The company sells nothing but costumes and accessories on eBay and other sites.

"There does not seem to be a ceiling on what people are willing to spend on their pets," said Michael Esposito, the company's marketing director.

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## FACEBOOK

## CEO defends free Internet access

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg defended his company's contentious efforts to expand Internet access in the developing world during his second visit to India this year.

The company's free platform offering a basic level of Internet access via Android devices has been introduced to 24 countries and has amassed about 15 million users, mostly in Africa and Asia, Zuckerberg said at a meeting Wednesday with students.

He said it could help alleviate poverty in India by providing information to the poor and contributing to development of the economy.

The platform known as Free Basics was developed in conjunction with other technology companies and has brought a mixed response from govern-

ments and analysts. Many criticize it for lacking transparency in how information is selected for the site and favouring Facebook's own services over those of competitors.

Zuckerberg rejected the criticism as a luxury of those who can afford access to the Internet. He said limiting content on the Free Basics platform was necessary, because "you cannot provide the whole Internet for free." It was initially known as Internet.org.

There are about 300 million people using the Internet in India, including 130 million using Facebook, making India the company's second-largest user base behind the United States.

But there are still about 1 billion Indians with no Internet access.



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg interacts with technology students in a town hall-style meeting in New Delhi, India, on Wednesday. SHIRISH SHETE/PRESS TRUST OF INDIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"We deeply care about serving the Indian community and giving them the best tools.

That's why I want to be here," said Zuckerberg. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## EMMA TEITEL: ON RESEARCH FATIGUE

**It seems every day the news produces a study indicating our life choices will result in illness or untimely death — followed directly by a contradictory report.**



"Find what you love and let it kill you" is a quote attributed to Charles Bukowski (though no one knows whether he actually said it) and a mantra recited by starving artists who pursue their passion in the face of poverty. This week though, it could be the mantra of bacon lovers.

Bacon is one of the most adored foods on the planet, but its gradual effects, according to new findings by the World Health Organization, are potentially cancer-inducing. According to WHO, which analyzed evidence linking the consumption of processed meats like bacon, hotdogs, and sausages to cancer, a "50 gram portion of processed meat eaten daily increases the risk of colorectal cancer by 18 per cent."

You might think, well big deal, bacon never had a great reputation to begin with (its image is synonymous with obesity, heart attack, and Homer Simpson) but consider this: 50 grams of processed meat isn't even close to a Homer Simpson-sized portion. In fact, 50 grams of bacon amounts to roughly only two slices — and who can honestly eat less than two slices of bacon?

Nobody. This is why the WHO findings have gone astronomically viral, inspiring doom-laden headlines at an alarming rate, some of which include: "Bacon kills?" and "Put down the hotdogs and salami." Coupled with this bacon scare is additional bad news for processed meat

lovers: Clear Food, a lab that analyzes food "at a molecular level," recently released a study indicating two per cent of the hotdogs they tested contained human DNA. (Great news: Your love of processed meat may not only kill you; it may also turn you into a cannibal).



**BAD BREAKFAST?** Though people may be initially put off by the idea of a plateful of carcinogens, they reportedly tend to return to their regular habits a short time after learning about damning research. EJWHITE/ISTOCK

In other uplifting public health news this month, a meat sauce sold in Ontario and Quebec grocery stores was recalled because it may contain dangerous bacteria.

It seems every day the news cycle produces a study indicating that our life choices will result in illness or untimely death — followed directly by a contradictory report or article explaining why the original study is inaccurate, overblown or misguided.

Take the recent influx of news stories about senior citizens who — contrary to the WHO finding — have lived long, happy lives chock full of bacon. According to USA Today, 116-year-old Susannah

Mushatt Jones "keeps a steady diet of bacon, eggs and grits for breakfast," and hangs a sign in her kitchen that reads "Bacon makes everything better." Processed meat won't give you cancer; it will make you immortal!

I don't know about you, but I find this public health news

are probably OK. Caulfield says it's important for people to understand the difference between "relative risk" and "absolute risk."

"Your absolute risk of ... colon cancer throughout your lifetime is four per cent to five per cent," he says. This means excessive bacon eating, according to the WHO finding, can increase your risk of cancer by "18 per cent out of four to five per cent." In those terms, "the absolute increase in risk isn't really that much," says Caulfield.

The sad thing is that even when people aren't affected by research fatigue — i.e. when they do try to change their eating habits, they rarely succeed. "There may be a momentary shift," says Caulfield, in which people eat healthier, but "after a little bit of time they regress back to their old behaviour."

For now, the bacon train seems to be chugging along just fine. Andrew Motta, owner of Toronto restaurant Bacon Nation, home of the "peanut butter bacon milkshake," says he has received no complaints from customers worried about the WHO finding. In his words: "You hear bacon is bad today and next week, it's going to be 'nine healthy reasons you should eat bacon.' You've just gotta take it with a grain of salt." Or if you're so inclined, a bucketload.

**Emma Teitel** is a national columnist for the Toronto Star. She has been a front-of-the-book columnist for Maclean's magazine for the past four years, focusing on a wide range of subjects including women's issues and popular culture. She won the National Magazine Awards gold award for columns in 2013.

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

**There's no shame in crying over abuse allegations at Val d'Or**

You would have to be there, in Val d'Or, Que., to claim, as many have, that the town is in crisis.

But clearly it is the next flashpoint for fury over the treatment of indigenous Canadians.

The tensions mounting in Val d'Or, population 32,000, are about much more than one set of allegations of police sexually and physically abusing indigenous women.

So, too, are the tears of the provincial public safety minister, shed in response to those allegations, much more than a single show of emotion. In fact, her tears are pivotal.

Lise Theriault was asked how the claims made her feel. She hesitated. Tears welled. Her voice wavered when she answered: "As shocked as the rest of the population."

Watching her, my mind flew to a few weeks ago, when I'd walked through a memorial for missing and murdered indigenous women in Ottawa. It's set up as a semicircle, lined with rows of multicoloured moccasin uppers waiting to be sewn in, a metaphor for the unfinished lives.

The travelling exhibit (booked, incredibly, through 2019) is a kind of ceremony, and not even a tear is inconsequential. Used tissues are collected and included in a ceremonial fire. I watched my cousin — a young mother — cry and cry, overcome.

Tears help participants viscerally, physically "share

... the grieving process all the families and friends have gone through," so it feels like something real instead of a news item, says Kara Louttit, who was raised in Val d'Or and volunteers with the memorial, Walking with Our Sisters. That's what makes Theriault's moment of emotion so powerful. She didn't simply call the allegations upsetting. She actually got upset.

Of course, not all see it that way. Parti Quebecois members have called for her resignation, citing in part her "erratic" behaviour. Police officers felt betrayed. I can see why they are demanding to be presumed innocent.

But I can also see why many others presume the complainants are telling the truth.

Chastising the minister for her tears ignores the wider injustice she is responding to, the pervasive oppression of indigenous people.

Politicians cry over many things — their grandmothers, their colleagues, their own jobs. Theriault cried for an often disempowered and alienated few.

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**So what is the truth? If you don't eat bacon every day, you are probably OK.**

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# Inside Garance Doré's style

## MEMOIR

## What blogging taught fashion insider about love, style, life

**Henrietta Walmark**  
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Style influencer and fashion blogger Garance Doré has added author to her list of accomplishments with the publication of her book, *Love Style Life* (Spiegel & Grau, \$39).

The French illustrator and photographer is the only blogger to win the Council of Fashion Designers of America Eugenia Sheppard Media Award (an award she shared with her former boyfriend Scott Schuman a.k.a. The Sartorialist). She produced a Pardon My French video series and her own line of stationery, as well as collaborating with luxury shirt brand Equipment on a capsule collection featuring her signature illustrations.

So why write a book, Metro asked Doré in a phone interview from New York City where her studio is based.

"It took me a long time to come up with the right idea of what I wanted to do because the blog is such a great way to express yourself. It's not like I was in need of more self expression," says Doré, laughing. "But the idea of a book is that it's a wonderful self-contained object."

The book is gorgeous. Compact and bound in a soft embossed cover the colour of ballet slippers, *Love Style Life* feels as intimate as a personal notebook. Like Doré's eponymous blog, the memoir is packed with her street photography, distinctive script and illustrations and candid storytelling.

Describing her blog as an ongoing story where it's often hard to see the big picture, she says: "With a book you can be much more clear about your message and what you want to say. That's why I wanted to do a book."

Doré built her message into the structure



Beauty

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Garance Doré's *Love Style Life* (top left) includes her illustrations and photos from her life (top right). CONTRIBUTED

## PARISIAN OR NEW YORKER?

We asked Doré what about her is typically French. "I'm very frank," she says. "I say things ... In America, people are actually more scared of their feelings and emotions." Then we asked what is most American about her.

"My boyfriend," Doré says, laughing. "Oh my god, there are so many things. First, I say 'oh my god' all the time. My most American thing I do is drink my coffee from a (take-out) cup. That's very American."

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of *Love Style Life*. She wanted to talk about style not only because her quest for style brought her to where she is today, but also because of what she learned during a decade of blogging.

"What I love about the people that inspire me to take their photo I realized, is it's not so much about the clothing that they wear. It's that the

clothes are an expression of who they are," she says. "That is real style."

The book is divided into five sections: Doré describes *Style* as the exterior, *Métier* as career, *Beauty* as our intimate relationship with ourselves, *Elegance* as how to be in the world, and, finally, there is *Love*.

"If you look at the structure," she says, "it's from the outside

to the inside. That's a journey that I've been through and style is the sum of all that."

Doré hopes readers will get to see her in a different light through the book. "To be very honest," she says, "there are some subjects I don't really touch on the blog because of the nature of the Internet, and I go into that world." She reveals the arc of her high-profile

relationship with fellow blogger Schuman, and much more about her personal life, from teenage loves to a serious romance with a woman.

"I'm trying to share and to be inspiring because when I was young I couldn't find people that inspired me to be myself," says Doré, "(people) that didn't do the things they were supposed to do, but it was still OK."

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# Witch hunt revisited

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## Pulitzer winner dives into historical documents

**Sue Carter**  
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One night, if the 1692 court confession is to be believed, Ann Foster and Martha Carrier flew through the Massachusetts sky on a pole. Earlier the same year, two young girls, who claimed they were bitten and pinched by “invisible agents,” were witnessed convulsing and speaking gibberish. After relentless interrogation, their family’s slave admitted to practicing witchcraft on the children, at the request of a satanic man who appeared under the guise of several animals.

As we prepare for this weekend’s invasion of adorable ghosts and goblins, it’s hard to imagine that a little more than 300 years ago the fear of witches would lead to these incredible stories and to wide-

spread terror in the Puritan New England colony. Within just a few months, 14 women, five men and two dogs — thought to be their diabolical accomplices — would be executed in what has become one of the most famous but misunderstood trials in American history.

The unfortunate mélange of circumstances that led up to the trials is the subject of celebrated Pulitzer Prize-winning historical biographer Stacy Schiff’s fascinating new book, *The Witches: Salem, 1692*, published by Little Brown. Schiff — whose last book, *Cleopatra: A Life*, analyzed the life of the last queen of Egypt — researched court documents, archives and personal correspondences in hopes of contextualizing the circumstances that led to the roller-coasting hysteria and accusations of the Salem witch trials.

These days, the only witches residing in the Massachusetts town are related to tourist attractions, but Schiff says that growing up in the state made its history hard to escape. She remembers reading Arthur Miller’s play, *The Crucible*, and the work of Salem native Nathaniel



Hawthorne, but was really drawn to the story as a captivating historical moment.

“This is the locked-room drama that I wasn’t certain we had ever entirely unpacked, and at the same time it was a moment where women played a prominent role,” she says. “I had just come off of *Cleopatra* and thinking still about women’s voices, and when women are able to articulate what they think.”

Schiff believes the strain of the rigid Puritan religion, combined with widespread poverty and political uncertainty, and residual trauma from the Indian War, led to the villagers — mostly women — turning on each other. The trials also followed one of the most brutal winters on record, which Schiff speculates contributed to the

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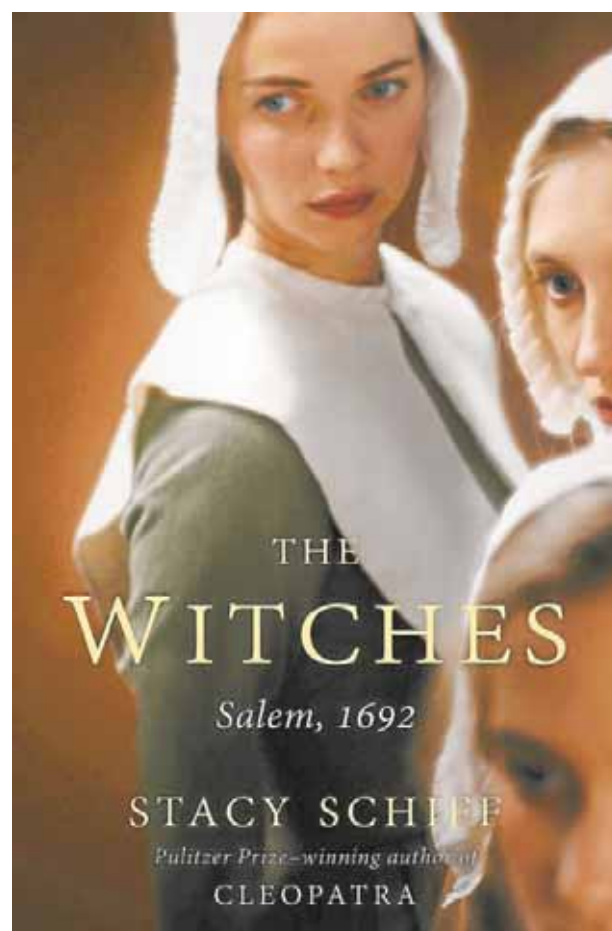
Author Stacy Schiff

atmosphere. “I do think that being indoors for those long periods of time — especially for women — plays a role certainly in what you begin to see and how you begin to feel,” Schiff says.

In many ways, the trials serve as a warning for our hyper-vigilant online culture. Schiff observed connections between the accusations and contemporary social media, where a single tweet or anonymous comment can go viral and destroy a person’s reputation.

“If there’s one thing that I hope the reader comes away with, it’s a sense of how important open-mindedness and humility about ideas and mercy are,” she says.

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



FINDING WINNIE

## Bear behind the famous tale

Before there was Pooh, Tigger or Eeyore, there was a real bear cub and a helpful veterinarian pal, who were both from Canada.

The new children’s book *Finding Winnie*, which is being eyed for a film adaptation, tells the real Canadian story that inspired A. A. Milne’s classic *Winnie-the-Pooh* tales.

The author is Toronto-based Lindsay Mattick, whose great-grandfather was that very vet, Harry Colebourn of Winnipeg.

“I want people who love *Winnie-the-Pooh* to understand that the real story behind her is just as beautiful and just as amazing,” said Mattick, who has already sold the big-screen rights to the newly published book.

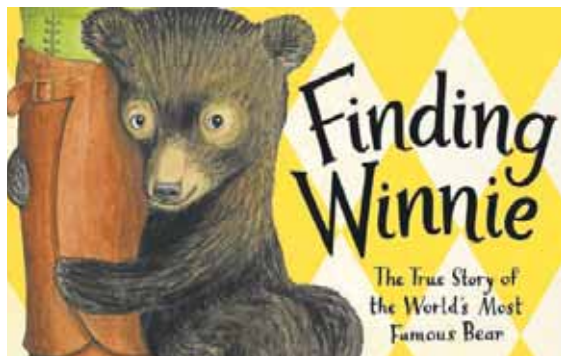
“I’m still blown away that, while a lot of people in Canada certainly know the story and know the history now, around the world it’s really still not known.”

“People don’t even realize that there was a real bear.”

*Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World’s Most Famous Bear* is told through a bedtime story session between a mother and her young son, Cole.

As the mother tells Cole in the book, Colebourn was sent away from Winnipeg in 1914 to tend to soldiers’ horses overseas.

During a stop on a train platform in White River, Ont., he met



Lindsay Mattick wanted to bring the tale of Winnie to a larger audience with her book. HANDOUT

a man sitting with a gentle black bear cub and gave him \$20 for it, thinking he could take good care of it along his journeys.

Colebourn and the soldiers bonded with and trained the cub, which he called Winnipeg (Winnie). She even became the mascot of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade.

But Colebourn realized he eventually had to give her up, so he brought her to the London Zoo, where he later checked in on her to ensure she was well cared for.

That’s where a young boy named Christopher Robin Milne grew to love her — a bond that eventually inspired his dad, Alan Alexander Milne, to write *Winnie-the-Pooh*.

Sophie Blackall illustrates the book, which includes archival photos.

“There are two main emotional takeaways from the book: one is the dedication, which is this idea that you never know the impact that one small loving gesture can have,” said Mattick.

“It’s like when my great-grandfather 100 years ago just bought a bear because he loved animals. He couldn’t have been thinking that much more than, ‘Hey, this will bring a lot of joy to me, to my fellow soldiers.’”

“But he had no idea that in this very simple act, all these incredible consequences would come from it.” THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Writer weaves tale of mystery and addiction

## INTERVIEW

**'I don't think it's that loveable, being a drunk'**

**Sue Carter**  
For Metro Canada

When Paula Hawkins' debut psychological thriller *The Girl on the Train* hit shelves in January, critics were quick to tout the novel as the successor to Gillian Flynn's *Gone Girl*.

But given the book's phenomenal trajectory — selling more than three million copies to date, with a movie starring Emily Blunt on the way — it's safe to say that publishers are now scrambling to find the next *The Girl on the Train*.

Hawkins' titular girl is Rachel, a divorced, unemployed alcoholic who finds solace in chugging back cans of gin and tonic while riding the commuter train in and out of London.

She becomes voyeuristically obsessed with a couple whose home she passes daily, romanticizing their perfect

lives — until the woman goes missing, and Rachel becomes embroiled in the mystery of her disappearance.

Like *Gone Girl* and other female-centred stories before it, Hawkins' novel has brought up a debate about the "likeability" of its protagonist.

"It's a gendered thing. I don't think that men are asked about likeability to the same degree," she says.

But niceness wasn't a trait that the 43-year-old London writer considered while creating Rachel, a challenging narrator even when sober.

"Rachel was really interesting to write because she is incredibly frustrating and does really stupid things and has bad judgment, but I think that's what addiction is like. Some people couldn't stand her but I empathize with her," says Hawkins.

"I think there are a lot of alcoholics, in crime fiction especially, who are loveable rogues, but that's not what I was interested in, because I don't really think it's that loveable, being a drunk."

Hawkins, who grew up in Zimbabwe, got her start as a financial journalist, which she says gave her discipline.

She wrote a couple romance novels under a pseudonym, but found the genre challenging.

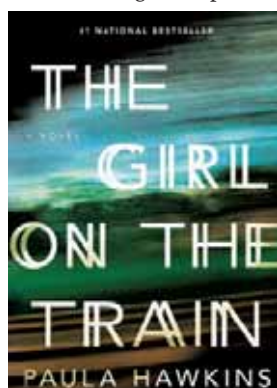
"I think it was useful in

terms of flexing my fiction muscles, and learning how to create characters and plot, but I wasn't putting my heart and soul on the page," she says.

"As soon as I started writing *The Girl on the Train*, I felt immediately better."



Paula Hawkins says as soon as she started writing *The Girl on the Train* she felt "immediately better" after writing a couple of romance novels under a pseudonym. CONTRIBUTED



**Some people couldn't stand her, but I empathize with her**

Paula Hawkins talking about her protagonist Rachel in *The Girl on the Train*

## BOOK BRIEF



**Reese Witherspoon**  
CONTRIBUTED

### Witherspoon, Dearn team up with *Wild* writer again

After the success of *Wild*, Reese Witherspoon and Laura Dern are teaming up on another Cheryl Strayed project that will bring a collection of short stories to the small screen.

The drama series will be based on Strayed's 2012 bestseller *Tiny Beautiful Things*, a collection of essays and advice columns she wrote as Dear Sugar, the online columnist at *The Rumpus*.

Strayed and her husband filmmaker Brian Lindstrom will write the TV adaptation for HBO with Witherspoon and Dern will executive producing, reports Deadline.

AFP

## NEW RELEASE

# Charlotte Rae shares the facts of her life in memoir

In *The Facts of Life*, Charlotte Rae played the unflappable Mrs. Garrett, a girls' school housemother who smoothly guided her charges through crises and comedy.

Rae says she implored the TV show's producers to let her character "lose her temper, yell at the kids. Let her be a human being."

They declined. But as Rae, 89, recounts in her new autobiography, her own life bore little resemblance to the sitcom-grade serenity of Edna Garrett's, instead marked by challenges that included son Andy's autism and her husband's late-in-life disclosure that he was bisexual and wanted an open marriage.

*The Facts of My Life* paints

Rae as a woman determined to face the world with grace and humour, come what may, and one dedicated to her family, friends and a career that stretched from 1950s TV to Broadway.

That's partly why she decided to do the book, to bolster others tackling their own difficulties and dreams, Rae said.

And because her other son, Larry Strauss, a writer and teacher, said she should.

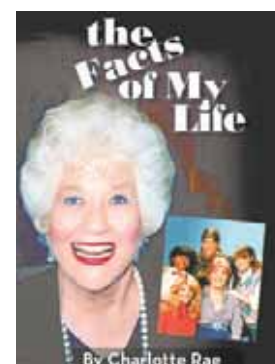
"He said, 'Ma, I think it's time we did your memoir. You talk to me and I'll do it,'" she recalled.

"He was very sensitive to what I was talking about and wonderful (writing about) his brother, very sensitive and beautiful."

The book, is set to be published by BearManor Media on Nov. 1.

Rae also appeared in movies, with her latest role this year in the Meryl Streep-starring *Ricki and the Flash*. On Broadway, she earned two Tony nominations in the '60s for *Pickwick* and *Morning, Noon and Night*.

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# 4 CELEB POP-CULTURE BOOKS

While high-brow books like Garth Risk Hallberg's *City Of Fire* are worth carving out time for, sometimes you just want to curl up with a light read. Here are four books about pop icons out this month. **EMILY LAURENCE/METRO**

## 1 Wildflower by Drew Barrymore

"For some reason I had to write this book. I have become more private every year, and yet these stories were beating on the door of my heart screaming, 'let me out,'" Drew Barrymore says in her new memoir *Wildflower*. In it, she gives an honest look at her childhood and complicated relationship with her father, and also highlights some of her worst talk show blunders. One thing's for sure, she didn't hold back while writing this one.



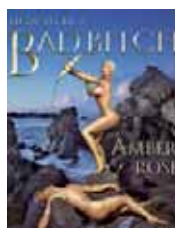
## 2 Strong Is The New Sexy by Nicole Polizzi

Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi went from the crazy drunk party girl we all loved on *Jersey Shore* to a healthy, happy, married mother. If you're a wild child looking to settle down, you'll enjoy Polizzi's tips on everything from working out to locking it down with your S.O. Taking life advice from Snooki? How times have changed.



## 3 How To Be A Bad Bitch by Amber Rose

Amber Rose's definition of "bad bitch" is "a self-respecting, strong female who has everything together." The model and actress offers tips on how to do it all in this book, while telling her life story, starting from growing up in a rough side of Philly. Also included are tons of never-before-seen photos from her life in and out of the spotlight.



## 4 Kim by Sean Smith

Cosmopolitan recently dubbed the Kardashian-Jenner clan "America's First Family" and at its center is Kim, not just a person but a multi-million dollar franchise queen. Celebrity biographer Sean Smith takes readers through Kim's life and includes some little-known facts. It takes fans truly behind-the-scenes, even more so than the celebrity's infamous E! reality show.



Erika Christensen stars along side *Gossip Girl*'s Ed Westwick in *Wicked City*. **ERIC MCCANDLESS/ABC**

### WICKED CITY

## Star talks love and murder in '80s L.A.

### Ned Ehrbar

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The new TV drama *Wicked City* is aptly named: set in the anything-goes club scene in LA in the early '80s, the show follows the exploits of a serial killer (played by Ed Westwick of *Gossip Girl*) and the cop (played by Jeremy Sisto of *Suburgatory*) trying to track him down. But Westwick's Kent isn't just some sick loner — he gets involved with a lonely single mother, played by Erika Christensen (most recently of *Parenthood*). As to what could suck someone in to such a monster, well, Christensen says it's complicated.

"She's on such a ride from the moment she meets Kent. She's just in, hook, line and sinker, but she doesn't know where she's going. I think that she's going to learn a lot about herself," she explains.

It seems hard to believe she could be so oblivious to the actions of her paramour, and Christensen says she may eventually work out what Kent's up to. "I think she has to at some point, and I don't know how much she learns, how fast, and how on board she's going to be with it. But we have to start from the place of knowing that

she is madly in love with this person," she explains.

And Kent is pretty good at getting people to like him. "He's everything she's ever wanted in a man. He makes her feel comfortable in her own skin. He makes her feel sexy and wanted and he offers an excitement that she doesn't have in her life. She's an abused person. She's not been treated well. And so for someone to be a kind of Prince Charming for her, she's going to follow him wherever he goes."

It's certainly a pretty drastic shift in tone from the world of *Parenthood*, and Christensen jokes that she's a little concerned about her fans. "Listen, I've been trying to warn them that this is not the same thing, but it should be a whole different kind of fun."

And it's been fun for her to explore a new kind of character. "I am loving seeing the twists and turns she takes. She's learning so much about herself so fast in the course of these 11 episodes. And if we find out that she's crazy, then I haven't done that in a while, so that's fun."

Might she be referring to her early turn as the deranged stalker of a cute classmate in the 2002 teen classic *Swimfan*?

"Yeah, getting back to my roots, there," Christensen says with a smile.

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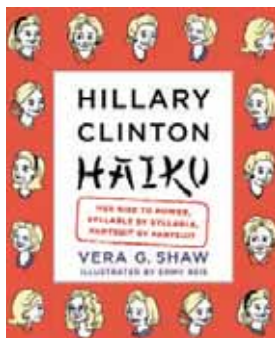
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## BOOK EXCERPT HILLARY CLINTON HAIKU BY VERA G. SHAW



Love her or hate her, Hillary Clinton sparks a lot of debate. And apparently, the presidential hopeful also inspires poetry. Writer Vera G. Shaw — who ironically lives in Clinton Hill, Brooklyn — is releasing a new book, *Hillary Clinton Haiku*, and we're giving you a look here. From lines about her pantsuits to just living her best life, these short poems are sure to make you chuckle, or smirk, depending on your political views. Take a look at these six Hillary haikus:

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# 'Pantsuited and brave'

## A Modest Proposal

The Lake District at twilight finds Bill asking Hill to be his wife. "Nah."

## Glass Ceiling Grievance

O, Oval Office!  
My term yet? Let my hubby retire to his sax

## A Glimpse of New York's New Senator

What solid cankle peeks beneath yonder pant? It is hers. Hillary's.

## Candidate Hillary

Campaigns are long; wins, fleeting. Pantsuited and brave, Hill, she ain't leaving!

## "I'm in. And I'm in to Win."

Finally my turn!  
I'll toss in 14 million.  
No biggie. I'm in!

## She Announces... Finally

I'm running for prez!  
Should I have kept those thirty thousand ditched e-mails?



## BOOK BRIEF

### Guy Vanderhaeghe wins 3rd GG's Literary Award

Saskatoon author Guy Vanderhaeghe has won his third Governor General's Literary Award.

Vanderhaeghe won the latest honour, worth \$25,000, for his book *Daddy Lenin and Other Stories* (McClelland & Stewart/Penguin Random House Canada).

It's a collection of nine stories, with characters including an actor who likes to hide behind his roles, and a middle-aged man who reunites with a former professor.

"Guy Vanderhaeghe's *Daddy Lenin and Other Stories* is the work of an assured writer who needs no pyrotechnics to keep us reading," said the judging committee in a statement. "Each story is superbly crafted, razor-sharp, wickedly funny."

Vanderhaeghe previously won the fiction award in 1982, for his short story collection *Man Descending*, and in 1996 for his novel *The Englishman's Boy*.

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## GOSSIP THE LATEST IN CELEBRITY COUPLING OR UNCOUPLING NEWS

### Emma and Andrew for never

I guess Emma Stone and Andrew Garfield really are never, ever, ever getting back together. Hollywood's coolest couple, who have been "on a break" for most of the year, have



apparently officially broken up. Like, a couple of months ago. How do we know this? Because Garfield, who is filming in Sydney, was spotted by a fan leaving a bar with a mystery woman on his arm.



When the fan shouted, "Where's Emma Stone?" Garfield apparently responded, "We're not together anymore," according to KIIS FM. I'll understand if you need a minute. NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

### Shelton wants you to know it's all good

Good news, folks. Blake Shelton is



totally fine with people making jokes about his divorce from Miranda Lambert. In fact, he's totally ready

for them. "This year's going to be awkward at the CMAs, speaking of jokes," he told Seth Meyers. "There's got to be one about me and Miranda. Brad Paisley is not doing his job if he doesn't look down there and go, 'Ha ha!' ... We've had conversations like, 'OK dude, I'll sit there and let you kick me in the face a few times.'" I might actually watch the CMAs. NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

## FASHION

## Marc Jacobs' party pinch

According to the New York Post, fashion designer Marc Jacobs hosted a "wild orgy" over the weekend with invitations sent out to ten or so young men via Grindr, a gay hook-up and dating app.

"A source who claimed to have attended the all-male flesh bacchanal told us Jacobs sent guests a shirtless shot, seemingly posing in a walk-in closet, showing his washboard abs — plus two more pics with no pants from the side and back," the Post wrote. According to this source, "Everyone was in their 20s," and attendees allegedly "were using drugs 'G,' for club



drug GHB, and 'Tina,' a form of crystal meth." Jacobs himself responded to reports of his hosting a "wild orgy" on Instagram: "Goodbye (for now) Grindr! It was fun for 'group' get together but what really excites me is my work!" MATT LEE/METRO NEW YORK

## HORROR

## The Conjuring of a lawsuit

The family that lives in the Rhode Island farmhouse depicted in The Conjuring are now suing Warner Bros. because the attention the movie has brought them has made life less than awesome. "The biggest fear is that every day we live with the fact that we don't know what may happen," Norma Sutcliffe tells CBS This Morning. "We've had harassing phone calls in the middle of the night. They've had discussions about destroying the house because it's so full of evil. It's a violation of our privacy, but they think they have the



right to do it." Sutcliffe and her husband are seeking monetary damages and a state-of-the-art security system. Fine, but can we talk a sec about how awesome The Conjuring was? NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

# Khloe kind of mad at People

## DIVORCE FILING

## It's still unclear whether Odom and Kardashian are back together

So there's this new interview with Khloe Kardashian in People magazine where she basically says that even though she and Lamar Odom have called off their divorce, it doesn't mean they're actually back together. Except Kardashian herself takes issue with it since most of the interview happened before Odom's collapse, despite how the story is presented.

"My people cover, I shot and interviewed for prior to all the events that happened," she clarified on Twitter. "I had to do a follow-up five-minute phone after the events only because I was contracted to. I canceled my book tour to avoid this attention." Huh. It's not like a Kardashian to avoid attention. So what was it the magazine printed that she take such issue with?

Probably this: "It's out in the media that we are back together, but I wish people understood that's not in our

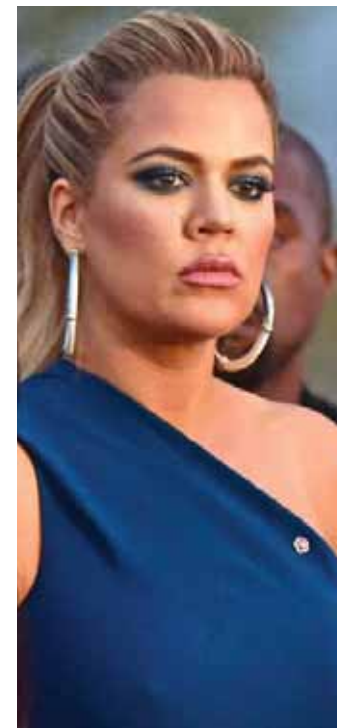
thought process right now. There are too many other important things, too many medical things. It's not even in our brains thinking about us as a couple or having a relationship right now."

Still, Kardashian and Odom have filed a court petition dismissing a divorce filing. "I pulled back on the divorce because there is no rush for it," she told the magazine. "For medical decisions and a ton of other things, it's just smarter that it's put on hold. But that does not mean I'm back with Lamar... Only time will tell."

According to search warrant records, Odom is believed to have overdosed on cocaine and other drugs before he was found unconscious at the Love Ranch brothel in Crystal, Nevada. He was hospitalized in Las Vegas and transferred to Los Angeles, where his family said on Oct. 22 that he was undergoing therapy and showing improvement.

Kardashian said Odom has a long road to recovery. "Every hour is different," she said. "It goes up and it goes down. Things are progressing, but it's a very serious situation."

A clerk granted an Oct. 21 request to dismiss their divorce filing from December 2013 in such a way that the divorce papers can be filed again at a later date.



Khloe Kardashian GETTY IMAGES

"I love Lamar, and I'll always be there for him like I promised," Kardashian said.

Authorities haven't ruled out the possibility of taking action against the brothel or Odom.

Odom's one-month courtship of Kardashian before their 2009 wedding was taped for the E! network, and Odom appeared on nearly two dozen episodes of

Keeping up With the Kardashians as well as other family spin-offs, including their

Khloe & Lamar show in 2011 and 2012. NED

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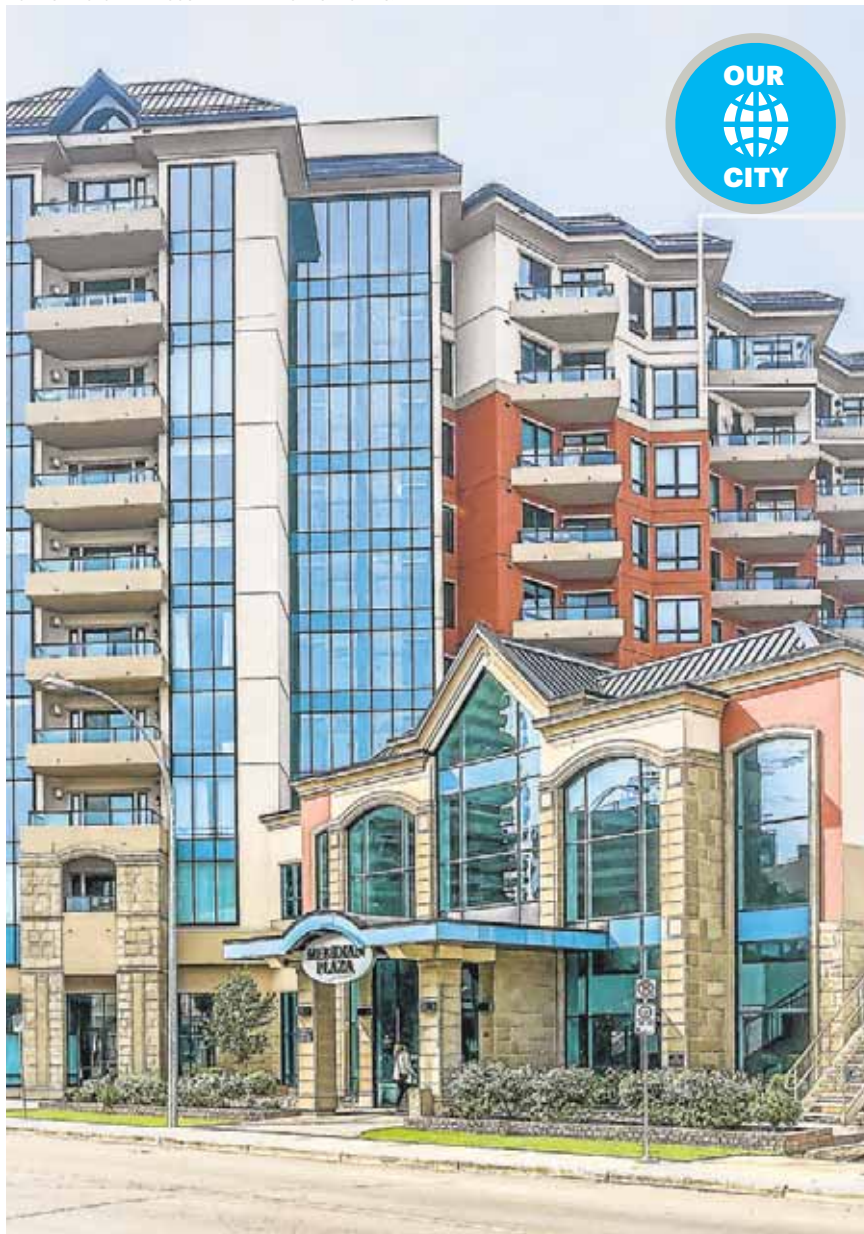




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### Calgary

Here's a two-bedroom condo that's located on the third floor. This very bright and open suite offers a good-sized kitchen with lots of counter space and a nook area. There is a spacious living room that features patio doors that lead to the deck, a four-piece bathroom and en-suite laundry. The master bedroom offers a full en suite and an underground parking stall is included. Tim Lind and Richard Fleming are sales representatives for RE/Max Real Estate Mountainview, 403-333-0837.



**\$799,800**

### Toronto

This elegant two-bedroom unit is located in the highly desirable Yonge and Eglinton neighbourhood, soon to be serviced by the new Eglinton Crosstown LRT. This quiet corner suite has 1,427 sq. ft. of living space and a balcony. There's a large dining and living area with crown moldings. The master bedroom has three large closets and a five-piece en suite. The unit includes two parking spots and a locker. Listing agent Ira Jelinek is with Harvey Kalles Real Estate Brokerage, 416-464-1022.



**\$399,900**

### Ottawa

Here's a modified two-bedroom, two-bathroom unit located on the quiet and bright east side of this Domicile building. Built in 2013, the condo is on the border of Wellington West and Hintonburg. The suite features modern finishes throughout with additional built-in storage, and includes an underground parking space and storage locker. The building has a well-equipped gym and a guest suite. Kerry Millican is a sales representative with Royal LePage Team Realty, 613-729-9090.



**\$869,900**

### Halifax

This 2,167-sq.-ft. condo in Bedford has plenty of upgrades. Listing agent Cheryl Jenkins says this unit has the best view at the Dockside Condominiums with the panoramic harbour, bridges and marina vistas. The condo features a top-floor lifestyle with an open-concept layout and hardwood floors. The kitchen has a walk-in pantry and the master bedroom has a walk-in closet and en suite with a soaker tub and two sinks. Jenkins is with Keller Williams Select Realty, 902-403-6655.



**\$319,900**

### Winnipeg

This 1,172-sq.-ft., rarely available, two-bedroom, two-bathroom suite features an open-concept living and dining room with space for a large family table, which leads to a fully enclosed, east-facing balcony. The kitchen includes all appliances, and the master bedroom has a large walk-in closet and four-piece en suite. Condo amenities include a common room with pool table and a large park-like outdoor space. Chad Friesen is a sales representative with Ethos Realty Inc., 204-888-3393.



**\$475,000**

### Vancouver

This two-bedroom, two-bathroom suite built in 2012 is in a quality Bosa building in the Brentwood Park area in Burnaby. There's an open kitchen with stainless steel appliances, and a gas stove with convection oven; colour scheme by interior designer Cristina Oberti for the kitchen; and spa-like bathroom fixtures. The bedrooms feature thermally-insulated blackout shades, and a water purification tap. Listing agent is Keith Roy with RE/Max Select on Main Street, 604-210-2933.



# Possession numbers concerning for Oilers



It's amazing what the speed of hockey can do. Perhaps in the near future, Connor McDavid's last-second backhand against Los Angeles would have been deemed a goal thanks to some sort of puck sensor technology. But right now, Jonathan Quick still gets the last laugh and the Oilers are once again hurting in the standings.

Of course, it feels different this year. There is a lot more hope, plus squads such as Anaheim are unexpectedly struggling, so maybe we're just in that weird part of the season where everyone is excited to have the NHL back and wants to analyze before the data has fully baked.

One troubling sign to date comes with Edmonton's possession numbers. The team's Corsi percentage, which counts all shots directed at the enemy net — even if an attempt is blocked — versus those surrendered, is still one of the worst in the NHL. Only five Oilers are on the positive side of the ledger in the category, including McDavid, Taylor Hall and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins. So

**“Improvement was expected from Edmonton this season and the start is actually worse than last year's 4-5-1 stumble out the gates.”**

that's a good sign. The disturbing part is that coach Todd McLellan, during his days as bench boss in San Jose, led Sharks teams that were possession darlings, or at least in the top echelon of the NHL. The Oilers have been bad in these categories for years and so far, it seems like the influence is going the wrong way.

Granted, McLellan doesn't have a big sample size to go off here. But improvement was expected from Edmonton this season and the start is actually worse than last year's 4-5-1 stumble out the gates.

The key for the Oilers is to get the defence corps moving the puck in the right direction; we know the top guns up front can do it.

Andrej Sekera is the most



**Oilers defenceman Andrej Sekera is an obvious candidate to improve his possession numbers, argues The Hockey News columnist Ryan Kennedy.** RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

obvious candidate, since he was brought in to stabilize the back end and provide more offensive push. Even with a bad Carolina team two years ago, he was a positive possession player. Need-

less to say, it was the same deal in Los Angeles last year (even though the Kings missed the playoffs, they were better on paper). Right now, he's losing the possession war out there. But

that can easily change and perhaps will once McLellan really gets his battle plan humming.

No need to panic here, but there is reason to be alert.

## IN BRIEF

### Cueto tosses gem, Royals go up 2-0 in World Series

Johnny Cueto pitched a two-hitter, Eric Hosmer drove in two more runs and the Kansas City Royals beat the New York Mets 7-1 Wednesday night to take a 2-0 lead in the World Series.

Cueto struck out four, walked three and re-inforced why the Royals got the deadlocked ace from Cincinnati in late July. The crowd at Kauffman Stadium fed off the excitable righty, standing and chanting his name.

Nineteen hours after his sacrifice fly won a 14-inning thriller, Hosmer hit a tie-breaking, two-run single off Jacob deGrom in a four-run fifth. He has 15 RBIs in 13 games this post-season.

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### Senators take down Flames in a shootout

Mika Zibanejad scored the shootout winner as the Ottawa Senators won their first game on home ice Wednesday night by edging the Calgary Flames 5-4.

Zack Smith, Bobby Ryan, Kyle Turris and Jean-Gabriel Pageau scored in regulation for the Senators (4-3-2), who snapped a four-game losing streak. Craig Anderson made 34 saves.

Dougie Hamilton, Joe Colborne, Kris Russell and Sam Bennett scored for the Flames (2-7-0), who have now lost three straight.

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## CFL IN BRIEF

**Former Winnipeg running back signs with Edmonton**

The Edmonton Eskimos have signed international running back Nic Grigsby. Grigsby rushed for 890 yards and nine touchdowns last year in his rookie season with Winnipeg and Hamilton. He helped the Tiger-Cats advance to the 2014 Grey Cup by rushing for 93 yards and two touchdowns in Hamilton's 40-24 win over Montreal in the CFL East final.

He struggled through injuries this season, recording 59 yards on 10 carries and 16 yards on three receptions, before being released by the Titans.

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**Stampeders' Hughes out with broken hand**

Calgary Stampeders defensive end Charles-Scott Hughes has a broken hand and will miss at least the final two games of the CFL's regular season.

The football club announced the injury Wednesday on Twitter. Hughes ranks second on the team in sacks with 10 behind Freddie Bishop III, who has 11.

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# Chan 'excited' for rivalry

## FIGURE SKATING

## Torontonian ready to battle Hanyu at event in Lethbridge

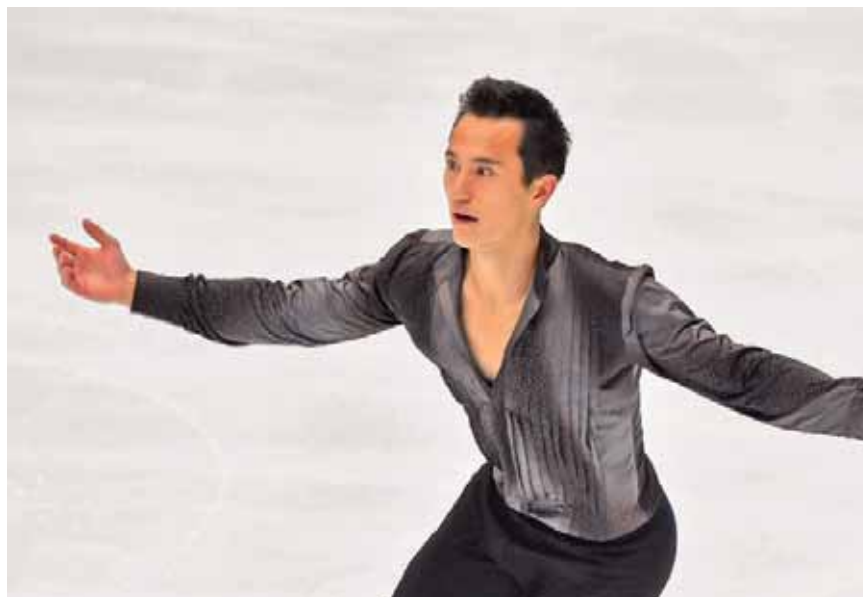
It might be the fiercest rivalry in figure skating.

Almost two years after Patrick Chan stepped off the Sochi Olympic ice beaten and heartbroken, having lost gold to Japan's Yuzuru Hanyu, the two face off once again at this week's Skate Canada International in Lethbridge.

It's Chan's first major international competition since taking a year off. It's also the first time he'll compete against his young Japanese rival since Sochi.

"I'm excited ... just for the sheer adrenaline rush," Chan said. "I don't think it could have worked out better. It will be a great comparison to see ... first of all, someone who's been extremely successful since the Olympics and continued to dominate (Hanyu), and someone who's had a year off, and has been successful in different ways."

Chan looked to have gold in his grasp in Sochi, after a



Patrick Chan of Canada competes in the Men's Singles Free Skating during the 2015 Japan Open. He recently took a year away from figure skating to show skate. KOKI NAGAHAMA/GETTY IMAGES

flawed program by Hanyu. But Chan faltered as well, and the three-time world champion walked away from competition to consider his future after his second-place finish.

He didn't stray far though. Chan, who said he accepted the results from the Olympics "a

long time ago," skated on several show tours, which took him around the world and saw him perform several times a week.

Hanyu, meanwhile, continued to compete after Sochi and finished second behind Spain's Javier Fernandez at the world champion-

ships last March.

Chan has eased himself back into competing by skating in a couple of smaller events, including the Japan Open where he had "a banana-peel slip" just seconds into his long program, and then didn't land a quad. He finished third.

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**It will be a great comparison to see.**

Patrick Chan on his rivalry with Yuzuru Hanyu

"I was nervous and wasn't comfortable in the competition environment anymore," he said. "I have to get back into the world of competitive skating as opposed to show skating, it's very different, and the only way to get better at it, and to get more comfortable is to keep competing."

He unveiled his new short program — to Michael Buble's version of Mack the Knife — at a minor competition in Quebec.

The 24-year-old from Toronto is taking a patient approach to this season. It might take some time before he can reel off his big quad jumps. But he said his sights are set firmly on the world championships in Boston in March.

And regardless of the results this week, Chan said he's excited to show the more mature side of his skating, honed in a year under the show tour spotlight.

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## NBA

## Raptors leave Pacers behind in 2nd half



Raptors centre Jonas Valanciunas defends against the Pacers' Jordan Hill on Wednesday night at Air Canada Centre.

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DeMar DeRozan had 25 points as the Toronto Raptors rallied for a 106-99 home win over the Indiana Pacers in the NBA season opener for both clubs Wednesday night.

Toronto overcame a 16-point first-half deficit to improve to 13-8 in home openers and 12-9 in season openers. The Raptors also registered their fifth straight win over Indiana after sweeping the season series last year 4-0.

While Toronto led by as many as 12 points in the fourth, the game was tied 95-95 before DeRozan's basket and free throw with 1:29 left put the Raptors ahead 98-95. Indiana made it a one-point

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game on Paul George's basket but he missed the ensuing free throw with 1:13 to play.

DeRozan's jumper with 50.8 seconds gave Toronto a three-point cushion before DeMarre Carroll's free throw with 27.1 seconds remaining gave the Raptors a 103-97 advantage. DeRozan's two free throws with 15 seconds remaining cemented the victory.

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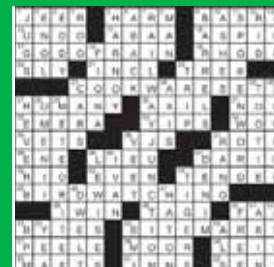
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## RECIPE Roasted Butternut Squash and Sweet Pear Soup



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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

As comforting as your favourite nubby sweater, this soup has a subtle sweetness.

**Ready in**  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
**Serves 4**

### Ingredients

- 2 lb butternut Squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 2 inch chunks
- 3 shallots, quartered
- 3 heirloom carrots, cut lengthwise and then in half
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
- 3 cup vegetable broth
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup apple cider or water
- 3/4 cup pear puree
- Sour cream or Greek style yogurt for garnish

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. Place squash, shallots, carrots and garlic in a large bowl and toss with the olive oil and 1/4 teaspoon salt.
3. Spread vegetables in a single layer on a large, rimmed baking sheet and roast in the oven for 50 to 55 minutes, or until fork tender. Let cool.
4. Place vegetables and 2 cups of vegetable broth into a blender and puree until smooth. Pour the puree into a large sauce pan over medium-low heat and stir in the rest of the broth, milk, water or apple cider, pear puree and remaining salt. Allow soup to cook until hot for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. Serve with Greek style yogurt or sour cream.

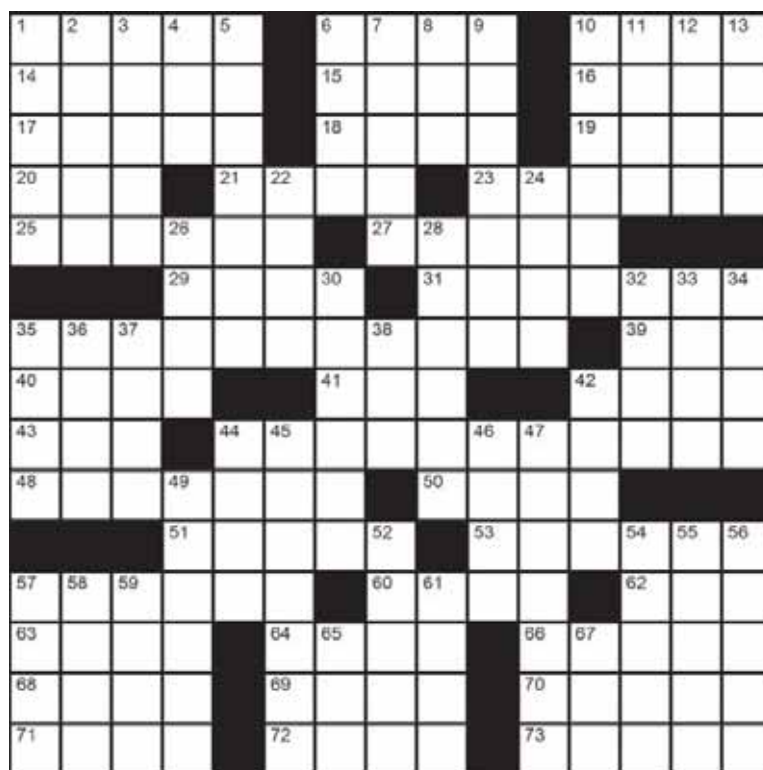
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

1. Brainy
6. Crumbly soil
10. Crow's cries
14. \_\_\_ New Guinea
15. Beauty cream ingredient
16. Butter substitute
17. Band of eight
18. Longing
19. Racetrack fence
20. Actress Charlotte
21. Canned fish
23. Shoot for
25. Variety of flatfish
27. Official li'l affirmatives from the planned party's invitees
29. Bellow
31. Overdue debts unpaid
35. Frankenstein author: 2 wds.
39. Actor Jason
40. Image
41. Person's story, for short
42. Archipelago part
43. Moo \_\_\_ pork (Takeout dish)
44. Kiefer Sutherland is a vampire in what 1987 movie?: 3 wds.
48. Embark on a cruise: 2 wds.
50. Wall St. landmark, commonly
51. Centre point
53. Acapulco's locale
57. Malign
60. Suit piece
62. Bring in



63. Mine entrance
64. Depose
66. Squishy impact sound effect in comics
68. Hollywood legend Lillian

69. Fertilizer ingredient
70. Remove the pencil markings
71. Remain
72. Takes a chair
73. Wasteful place be-

neath the street

### DOWN

1. Baseball, for example
2. Gambling mecca in China

3. More likely to
4. Regret
5. Arm 'sleeve' drawings
6. Key
7. Ritual site
8. Bird of myth

9. Port city of France: 2 mots
10. Coffin occupant
11. Jai \_\_\_
12. CNN journalist Bill
13. Exclusive
22. Salt Lake City's locale
24. Agile
26. Welsh opera singer Mr. Terfel
28. Ghost town building
30. Riots
32. Moreover
33. Depend on
34. Notices
35. Pine for
36. Be sore
37. Really beat, in sports
38. Small, small-ly
42. Wild goat
44. Kite part
45. Horrific
46. Types of orchestras, for short
47. Bloodsucking bugs
49. Anvil-user's workshop
52. Remote's target: 2 wds.
54. "Monster-\_-\_" (2005)
55. Terminate
56. Weasel kin
57. Pre-riches duds
58. Modify
59. Certain credit card
61. Airport scr. postings
65. Mr. Geller
67. Before

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
It's not like you to have such a thin skin. Get over worrying about other people's reactions, because you will soon have to do something that not everyone will agree with.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Any worries about an affair of the heart will be laid to rest. You have never been more loved and admired. The sooner you recognize that fact the happier you will be.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
If a relationship of a practical nature is to be a success you are going to have to give ground. No matter how independent-minded a Gemini you may be you must make an effort to meet others halfway today.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
The next few days should get even better, especially if you have the courage to follow your instincts. Ignore those who dissuade.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
You must be decisive when dealing with others. If you give the impression that you don't know what you are doing they may lose confidence in you and go to someone else for the advice and assistance they need.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You may disapprove of what a friend is doing but don't tell them. According to the planets they are being forced by events over which they have no control. Maybe you should support them.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
After the trials and tribulations of the past few days what happens next will be more to your liking. You may even receive news of a windfall that solves a financial problem. Will it stop your reckless spending habits?

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Even if you are feeling a bit run down the Sun in your sign will revive you and give you a second wind. Be careful with money though. Spend less and save more.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
A positive attitude is essential. Whatever issues you have to face, you are big enough and tough enough to deal with them. The right frame of mind will get you the right result.

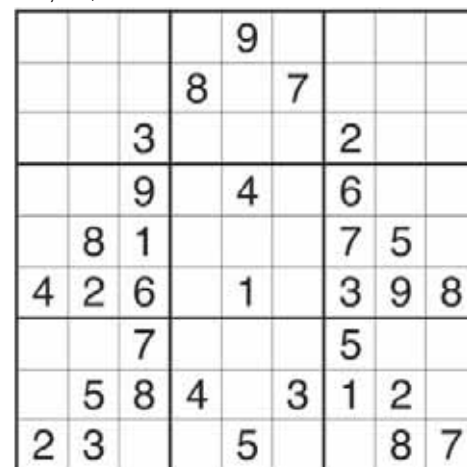
**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Someone you meet on your travels could be very important to you career-wise. Once you have made contact be sure to develop a friendship.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
The Sun in the career area of your chart will make it easier for you to take center stage. But once you have made a good impression you must keep it going. It is not enough to be a star just for a day or two.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
If you have a longing to travel, to visit faraway places, you will almost certainly be on the move over the next few weeks. The Sun in Scorpio will awaken your sense of adventure. It's time to start doing!

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